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## THOSE CENSUS QUESTIONS

A HANDFUL of Republicans in Congress. A looking for anything which might be turned into an election issue, started agitating some weeks ago against certain questions the census takers are going to ask you. A good deal of misinformation has been spread about since then, and it ask you. A second and the seen speed about since them, whas resulted in unnecessary misapprehension among people who are by nature suspicious of anyone who asks them a questions of anyone who asks them a question.

Most of the criticism has been directed Most of the criticism has been directed against the income questions. Following the Commerce Department's long-established "sampling" technique, one proson in five fourteen years of age and over will be asked for a breakdown of his earnings the previous year.

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Why anyone who has filed an income
tax report should object to this question is
hard to understand. The, average person would simply give the same figure he
gave on his latest income tax blank, and
forget all about it. But there seems to be
some suspicion that the census takers are
going to run around town teiling all your
neighbors what you make, or at least, that
the Commerce Department will make the
information available to other government
agencies.

The Census Bureau has assured the peo-

agencies.

The Census Bureau has assured the people that income information in its files will not be given to any other government agency. If the local census taker starts spouting any of the figures he collects, he can be slapped down with a \$10,000 fine and a year in jail. And if you don't want to rely on his discretion, he'll give you a card and an envelope that you can mail direct to Washington.

Accurate information on the national income, how it is divided between wages and salaries, self-employment, dividend, and the like is essential to equitable legislation on the national level, Furthermore, it is of inestimable value to big business and little business to know where the group buying power for information, which will be sought by the sampling method is equally important. It is not a support of the sampling method is equally important. It is not a support of the sampling method is equally important. It is not a support of the sampling method is equally important. It is not a support of the sampling method is equally important. It is not a support of the sampling method is equally into the sampling method in the sampling method is not support of the sampling method in the sampling method is not support of the sampling method in the sampling method is not support of the sampling method in the sampling method is not support of salatistics, have found that sampling is a fundational sampling in the sampling method in the sampling in the sampling in the sampling in the sampling method is not support of salatistics, have found that sampling is a fundational sampling in the sampling in the

#### REALISTIC SLUM CLEARANCE

THE three-point legislative program adopted by directors of the N. C. Association of Real Estate Boards the other cation of Real Estate Boards the other day offers a realistic and practical solu-tion to the problem of ridding our cities of tion to the problem costly slum areas.

The program was drawn up by a special committee headed by J. E. Barrentine Charlotte. The three bills call for:

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1. An enabling act to permit Morth Carollina clies to sparticipate in Pederal urban redevelopment funds. It would provide for least redevelopment commissions, appointed by mayors and city councils, which would co-operate with city planning boards for mapping and executing the various redevelopment projects.

2. An amendment to the insurance laway to permit insurance companies to invest in low-cost, limited devidend housing without any provision for tax abatement.

3. A statewise minimum housing-standards act for cities of 10,000 or over, patterned after the present Charlotte act, which has received national attention. The state act would apply to new housing, and

would require indoor plumbing, screens, electric lights and other facilities.

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The three proposals go hand-in-hand.
The first envisions this actual clearing away of the worst slung, areas, and the development of the laind for other nur-neces—commercial, industrial, new housing, or public buildings. The second would encourage insurance commandes, which do not require as high a return on their in-low-cost housing protects, acts, to build low-cost housing protects, and siternative to public low-cost housing. The third would prevent the growth of any new substandard housing in the future.

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new substandard housing in the future. There will doubtless be some opposition to all of these laws when they are taken up by the legislature. If the State real estate board and the N. C. League of Municinalities can get together on the precise wording of the urban redevelopment enabling act, the main barrier will have been hurdled. The combined support of real and interested municional greaters and interested municional greaters.

## HOEY OPPOSITION FOLDS

IT STRUCK US as a rather brash and precipitous act when Winston-Salem's ebuillent mayor. Marshall C. Kurfees, decided to challenge the venerable Clyde R. Hoey in this Spring's Democratic orimary. Now that he has thought the matter over and decided to get out of the race, we would confess to an error. He has better Judement than we thought.

Mr. Hoey is a formidable onconent. He has a life-long record of faithful service to the Democratic Party. He hay suited, spoken, and shaken hands in virtually every community, in the state. He represents fairly accurately what we take to be

the majority sentiment in North Carolina on most national and international issues. And he has lately come into national prominence as a result of his judicious handling of the 5 per-center inquiry.

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Other men more experienced in the ways of politics than Mr. Kurfess cast covetous s'ances at Mr.-Boey's Senate seal, and then decided they couldn't defeat the Shelby man. Mr. Kurfess' decision not to run puts him In distinguished company and, by inference, is a high compliment to Mr. Hoey's ability as a vote-getter and his stature as a statesman.

# PATRONAGE PRESERVED

Now and then we become hopeful that the nation is about to get from Congress the same brand of high-level, non-political statesmanship that branch of the government; seems to expect from the other two branches, executive and judicial. Then along comes a measure like 8. 2213, and our hopes are shattered.

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S. 2213 is a bill to carry out the Hoover
Commission recommendations on the appointing of postmasters. It would bring to
an end the system whereby Senators can
select their favortic candidate from a
list approved by the Civil Service Commission, and would let the Postmaster General
appoint all postmasters under civil service
rules.

The bill has been endorsed by the Hoover Commission, President Truman, Postmas-ter General Donaldson, the National Asso-

ciation of Postal Supervisors, the National League of District Postmasters, and the Senate subcommittee which studied the bill. No witnesses appeared in opposition to the bill at the public hearings.

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Despile such overwhelmine support, the
Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil
Service has inseffinitely nostioned action
on S. 2213. That's just another way of sayins the bill has been killed. It was killed
because Senators on the full committee,
and their colleagues on the floor, didn't
want to lose the 22000 pollutical plums reoreserved by the postmasterships of the
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This is not the first time that President Truman has shown more zeal than Congress for reorganizing and making more efficient the sprawling structure of government. It will not be the last.

From The Asheville Citizen

#### LESS THAN LESE MAJESTY

MISS ELIZABETH M'GEE, nineteen, of M Spartanburg, S. C. has made what she says is an "awful" social blunder. Miss McGee. a very pretty young lady, its the world-louring "Maid of Cotton". In London the other day she attended a party at the American Embassy. Came the blunder, as she tells it:

"I'm afraid I didn't quite catch yours?"

'Tim afraid I didn't quite catch yours' The "pretty young lady" was Her Royal Hightess Princess Margaret, nineteen, second in line to the throne, who said when Miss McGee discovered her blunder, "Why that's all right," and laughed.

A cat may look at a queen, or a princess, but Elizabeth was not being catty. Just honest and natural, And why didn't it bother Princess Margaret Well, when one pretty girl calls another "pretty", things are pretty much all right after that.

'You Mean I'm Supposed To Stand On That?'



Collected By Bill Sharpe

# TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

The Hearty Enchtast
(Meser Cossity News)

A few years ago the fad of eating no breakfast had
a considerable run. Many persons took pride in sayine.

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Well Done, Faithful Servant

(Winston-Salem Journal, John Wesley Clay)
I told you yesterday about Hazel Johnson, the
car washer. He did such a nice job on my car that
I did not recognize it. Then when I started home I
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Yes, I take my hat off to one who does his job well.

Charlie's A Sucker

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In Those Days

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## Japan And South Carolina

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(Hamlet News)

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Pray It Be Good

(5-Yuar-Age Column, Morre County News)

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By ROBERT C. RUARK

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